



INVITATION

Virtual Report Launch: The United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) has the honour to invite you to the virtual launch of its report entitled ***Cities: Gateways for Africa's Regional Economic Integration***.

AGENDA

Moderator: Ms Edlam Abera Yemeru – Director a.i., Gender, Poverty and Social Policy Division, Economic Commission for Africa

Opening remarks (10 minutes)

- ❖ **Ms. Mama Keita**, Director, ECA Sub-regional Office for Eastern Africa
- ❖ **Mr. Ishaku Maitumbi** – Senior Technical Adviser, UN-Habitat

Presentation of the report's findings (20 minutes)

- ❖ **Mr. Marios Pournaris**, Associate Social Affairs Officer, Gender, Poverty and Social Policy Division, ECA
- ❖ **Mr. Melaku Geboye Desta**, Principal Regional Advisor, Africa Trade Policy Centre, Regional Integration and Trade Division, ECA

Panel discussion (30 minutes)

- ❖ **Professor Ivan Turok**, Research Fellow, Inclusive Economic Development Research Programme, Human Sciences Research Council
- ❖ **Dr. Konyango Charles Otieno**, National Director Urban Development, State Department for Housing and Urban Development, Kenya
- ❖ **Ms. Astrid Haas**, Urban Economist, Kampala, Uganda
- ❖ **Mr. Prudence Sebahizi**, Chief Technical Adviser, AfCFTA Secretariat, Accra, Ghana

Questions (25 minutes)

Closing remarks (5 minutes)

- ❖ **Mr. Stephen Karingi** – Director, Regional Integration and Trade Division, Economic Commission for Africa

Time and Date:

3:00 pm- 4:30 pm East Africa Time,
Tuesday, 12 July 2022

Registration:

Register [here](#) to attend

Further information:

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About the report:

This report is the first piece of extensive research, examining the linkages between Africa's rapid urban transition and regional economic integration through AfCFTA.

